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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Details of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia from July 1965 to July 1967 have been compiled from returns submitted by all known commercial hatchers and slaughterers. Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage of hatchings and slaughterings of meat strain chickens and of hatchings of egg strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 1 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a)

Period	Chickens (i.e. Broilers, Fryers, or Roasters)	Hens and Stags	Ducks and Drakes	Turkeys	Total
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)					
1965-66	2,716	197	52	20	2,985
1966-67	3,682	192	59	28	3,962
1966 - Sept. Qr	853	45	9	10	918
Dec. Qr	879	48	14	5	946
1967 - Mar. Qr	933	39	17	4	993
June Qr	1,018	60	19	8	1,105
April	273	21	8	1	303
May	353	20	7	3	382
June	391	19	4	4	419
July	313	22	2	3	340
LIVE WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb)					
1965-66	8,553	970	304	257	10,084
1966-67	12,011	984	336	397	13,727
1966 - Sept. Qr	2,738	229	50	158	3,177
Dec. Qr	2,892	248	75	68	3,283
1967 - Mar. Qr	3,025	191	97	60	3,373
June Qr	3,356	316	113	110	3,894
April	899	112	50	10	1,072
May	1,151	101	40	40	1,332
June	1,305	103	23	59	1,491
July	1,035	113	13	55	1,216
DRESSED WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb) (b)					
1965-66	6,447	653	209	187	7,496
1966-67	9,167	667	235	295	10,363
1966 - Sept. Qr	2,072	157	37	120	2,385
Dec. Qr	2,215	169	53	51	2,488
1967 - Mar. Qr	2,259	132	67	46	2,504
June Qr	2,621	209	78	79	2,986
April	690	74	34	8	806
May	886	67	27	29	1,009
June	1,045	68	16	42	1,170
July	801	75	9	43	927

(a) Excludes geese slaughtered (584 geese with live weight of 5,521 lb and dressed weight of 4,012 lb were slaughtered during 1966-67).

(b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.



TABLE 2 - EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

Particulars	1965-66	1966-67	Quarter Ended				April 1967	May 1967	June 1967	July 1967
			Sept. 1966	Dec. 1966	Mar. 1967	June 1967				
	'000									
Eggs set, including eggs which failed to hatch -										
Meat strains	5,089	6,215	1,460	1,501	1,575	1,678	443	658	577	524
Egg strains	4,464	5,352	2,842	671	514	1,326	179	483	664	932
Total eggs	9,553	11,567	4,302	2,172	2,089	3,004	622	1,141	1,241	1,456
Chicks hatched (a) and intended to be raised for -										
Chicken meat -										
Meat strains - unsexed	3,501	4,383	1,063	1,066	1,057	1,197	372	374	452	356
Egg strains(b) - crossbred and other cockerels	274	230	102	71	27	31	7	9	15	16
Egg production -										
Egg strains (b) - pullets	1,525	1,925	1,015	384	149	377	67	141	169	290
Breeding -										
Egg strains - pullets	70	89	59	9	n.a.	n.a.	=	n.a.	n.a.	18
cockerels	8	13	7	3	n.a.	n.a.	=	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total chicks (c)	5,378	6,642	2,246	1,533	(d)1,233	(d)1,605	446	(d)524	(d)636	(d)680

(a) Excluding chicks destroyed.

(b) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. The number so reported was 13,300 for July 1967.

(c) Excludes meat strain chicks for breeding purposes, details of which are not available for publication.

(d) Excludes egg strain chicks for breeding purposes, where figures are not available for publication.

n.a. Not available for publication.

- Nil or less than half the final digit.

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